

John Hancock Esq.

London 24th July 1770.

Dear Sir

We confirm the foregoing for Copy of our last respects, & have now to acknowledge receipt of a Letter from M^r Palfrey of the 13th of June, in which he informs us by your directions, of your having chartered the *Watt* for South Carolina & Lower, but refers us for the particular terms of the Contract to your next. We dare say you have done what appeared to you for the best, & shall rest well satisfied with whatever that is. The Certificate for M^{rs} Billings's pension for 1767, we have recd, but before that came to hand we had settled for her up to Dec. 1769, & have credited M^r Tho. Gray's Acct. for the produce of it, & you'll please either settle it with him, or if it is more agreeable we will debit him & credit you for the amount of one year. This will we hope be delivered you by Capt. Scott of your Ship *Lydia*, who now returns with a better Freight, all things considered, than we expected. We shall beg leave to refer you to Capt. Scott for the particular difficulties just now attending *G. Ships*. We have made a point of giving Scott all we were able, & if he had done as all the rest of the *Ships* now here do, except yours there is no doubt he would have been quite full, but after the clear orders given us in yours recd by him. We did not dare let him take on board any but licensed Goods. We have paid him £160. as his Receipt enclosed, for £100. of which he has directed us to Debit you in Acct. Curr. & to charge the other £60. in the *Ships* Acct. to which we conform, & you'll please note it accordingly. We have receiv'd to your orders shipped on board him 20 Tons of *Stemp* for *yo. Acct.* Invoice of Bill of Lading for which you will find enclosed am. to 525. 14. 7 on w. we have made £530. Ins. *Ins. Jan* & being £13. 7. 9. As the Letters recd by *Joan* have brought some orders & give us a prospect of obtaining some licensed Goods for *White*, we have resolved upon keeping him a fortnight, & we hope we shall find enough to make it worth his while to stay that time, at the expiration of which we intend to dispatch him. The Money for

Hall's

Hancock & Co. Merchants

Cargo falls due the end of this week, when have no doubt but we shall receive it, & we will then pay Messrs. Harrison & Co. as mention'd in our last whose Receipt our next will enclose you. The Whalebone reced by Scott remains unsold, & no prospect of its selling till the full success of the Greenland Fishery is known, w^{ch} still remains uncertain. Oyl & Ashes are much the same as in our last, but Whale Oyl will certainly be low. The Seal Skin, both in Greenland & Newfoundland has been very successfull, w^{ch} will reduce the price of Whale Oyl. We are

27th July. Capt. Scott not having taken away his Bag till this Evening, gives us an opp^{ty} of enclosing Messrs. Harrison & Co. their Receipt for £1500. paid them this day.

Copy / Orig. J. Scott RW 120.

Dear Sir

9 Aug. 1770

since our last of which the above is Copy We have recd your esteemed favour of 29th June by your Party, Lydia Capt. Joo. Hood, by whom we have invoice bill of Lading for Oyl Tarr & Whalefins cons^d us by that Vessel, which shall be landed as fast as possible & the greatest care taken to dispose of them to the best advantage & the said Sales forwarded in due time. We shall attend to your instructions of dispatching back to you as soon as possible, & you may rely upon it that we will give her all the assistance in allowed freight that we are able. The goods of that sort which you order for your self shall be gott ready & shipped on board her, & you may depend upon our utmost care that every article shall be purchased upon the best terms.

We are obliged to you for the particulars you mention respecting the Pratt, & have not the least doubt of your having acted perfectly right in that affair, We are sure we shall be satisfied with whatever you have done: The Money you have advanced for her being £83. 17. 9

shall be placed to your credit; We shall be hoping in your
next for the particulars of the ~~matter~~, as we do not at present
know what freight she is to have ~~any~~ any other circumstance respecting
it & we shall be at a loss without those particulars to know how
to act upon her arrival. Allowes

We wish we could give you any favourable Accounts respecting
the repeal of the Tea duty, but nothing can be done in that till the
meeting of Parliament; We dont expect they will meet till toward
Christmas & when they do we think it is very uncertain whether
it will be repealed or not; It seems very clear that if the present
Ministry continue in power it will not be repealed, but we hope
before that time there may be a change & then tis probable the friends
of America may have more Influence than they have at present

We have several times since Watt's arrival talked wth Mr. Syme
about your demand on that Ship, but have not been able to obtain
from him any thing satisfactory relative thereto, but upon the
whole he seems rather to think he shall be able to pay us a
part if not the whole but refers us to a distant time for his
final determination; We shall be attentive to renew our applications
to him & you shall know when any thing decisive is done therein;
We ~~are~~ all not been mindful of the Interest & damages but at present
he seems averse to any allowance of that sort

This we hope you will receive by Capt. White, who now returns
to you with every thing we had of licensed Goods w^{ch} we could possibly
ship on board her & indeed all he has on board is of our shipping
Enclosed you have Inv^o of bills of Lading for the Hemp you ordered
your Account amounting to £275. - 4 on w^{ch} we have made £200
Insurance of w^{ch} being £7.2.9. You have also enclosed the aff^{id}
Rec^t for £150. advanced him on the Vessel Rec^t which will be
charged in her Account of freight, w^{ch} Rec^t shall be transmitted you

as soon as we have settled with the freighters, in which no one
shall be lost. The £1500 paid to the freighters for which we sent
you their bill in our last invoice we understand the last payment
we had orders to make them. We shall therefore pay them no more
without your further orders; If we mistake your meaning in this
particular it will be of no great consequence, as your answer to
this letter will be with us before we shall be in cash for Hood's
Cargo & if not, we shall allow interest for any money of yours
that may happen to remain in our hands. The present nominal
price of white Oyl is £25 & Ton, at which we shall be glad to
dispose of what we have recd by Hood, pott Ash is £2/10/0 we
wish you had been so fortunate as to have a large quantity on
board him of that article. Whalepins dont yett sell at any price
but if the news we have of the total failure of the American
fishery prove true Fish must sell for a good price.

We are wth the truest esteem D^r Sir

Your most obliged humble serv^t
Hayley & Hopkins

Hayley & Hopkins
Wrote by Capt. Smith
London 24 July 1770